



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

January 26, 2021

Senator Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

**RE: Support for the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act (Feinstein)**

Dear Senator Feinstein,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write in support of the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act (Feinstein). This legislation proposes to address homelessness faced by Americans across the nation, including Long Beach residents, through the provision of a grant program that administers planning and implementation funding for local government entities.

The Long Beach Continuum of Care is recognized by the United States Housing and Urban Development Department as a well-coordinated system of care. Our homeless services providers deliver evidence-based best practices to individuals and families, integrate all key partners into a Coordinated Entry System to maximize accessibility to services, and coordinate housing application and utilization processes linked to supportive services and financial assistance programming. In the past year, the City has leveraged local, State, and Federal investments to open a 125-bed bridge housing facility and another 102-unit transitional housing site to connect people experiencing homelessness with permanent housing opportunities.

While Long Beach has reduced the number of sheltered persons experiencing homelessness by 27 percent over the last three years, we have seen a 24 percent increase in our unsheltered homeless population, as evidenced by the 2020 Homeless Count. It is clear additional funding is needed to expand supporting housing models and homeless services, as proposed by the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act. Coordinated funds would provide local government entities with an opportunity to implement innovative solutions to help individuals and families experiencing homelessness maintain a successful transition to permanent housing.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports the Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Senator Alex Padilla  
The Honorable Congressman Alan Lowenthal, 47<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Congressmember Nanette Barragan, 44<sup>th</sup> District